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SUBJECT: AMB YOUNG'S MEETING WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MET MAY 18 WITH OAU SYG ETEKI (WHO WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY OAU UN OBSERVER OUATTARA AND SYG OF OAU LOBERATION COMMITTEE).

2. ETEKI APPRECIATED RECEIVING BRIEFING ON CAPETOWN TALKS BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SAG WOULD BE WILLING TO CONCEDE ON POINTS OF WITHDRAWAL OF SAG TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA AND RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

3. TURNING THEN TO THE QUESTION OF ZIMBABWE, ETEKI VOICED PATRIOTIC FRONT'S CONCERN REGARDING US INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND CONFERENCE, POINT TO CLEAR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH BRITAIN HAD AND WHICH US DID NOT. AMB YOUNG ASSURED ETEKI THAT US WISHED TO PLAY SECONDARY BUT SUPPORTIVE ROLE ON THIS ISSUE.

4. CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO THE ISSUE OF DEFINING NATURE
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OF "NONALIGNMENT" PARTICULARLY REGARDING OAU AND AFRICA AND TO UPCOMING OAU CONFERENCE IN GABON. ETEKI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT YOUNG WOULD ATTEND OAU CONFERENCE. YOUNG RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO BE PRESENT AT THIS CONFERENCE. YOUNG SAID HE HAD IN HIS TALKS WITH MODERATE AFRICANS IN THE IVORY COAST, GHANA AND LIBERA BECOME AWARE OF CONCERN REGARDING SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN

AFRICA. HE FELT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ATTEND A MEETING WHERE THIS ISSUE WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED. IN ADDITION, YOUNG EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS CONFERENCE MIGHT BROACH QUESTION OF AFRICA AS A ZONE OF PEACE -- A STEP WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO A POSTURE OF TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT FOR AFRICAN STATES.

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